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SENATOR GOODRICH: I just wanted to mention that both of these items were items that were recommended by the Fiscal Staff when they reviewed, with the University, their budget requests. Both of these items were recommended to be approved. Until such time as the entire layout of the budget was amended, and we made up the priority list, these items were automatically going to be approved. Since we changed it to a priority list arrangement these items got zinged out. Both items are very necessary, number one. But, number two, they were recommended for approval by the staff when they went over the budget requests with the University of Omaha. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: A correction, Mr. President, for Senator Goodrich. Our staff recommended zero on art extension programs, under Program No. 791 on improvement for the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Our staff recommended zero under the general improvement area. I think Senator Goodrich would like to know that that was not in their original recommendation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stoney, are you ready to close on your motion?

SENATOR STONEY: Yes sir, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Before deciding to cast your final vote on this keep in mind that these two Departments serve the metropolitan population of some 400,000 people. The demands for services from these two Departments far exceed the ability to provide services at a level sufficient to accomodate the demand for both academic offering on campus and off, and for extension services. These programs do much to lift the quality of life and make the greater metropolitan area a better place to live. Recently some eighteen to twenty thousand people were in attendance at one or another aspects of the Royal Shakespeare Resident Project. I had an opportunity of attending this and I might add it was a tremendous program. Attendance at a breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. in the morning has averaged more than 700 persons, which shows the tremendous interest in this community. The art program, in cooperation with the community agencies, is making this kind of enriching activity available to more people than ever before. The Speech Department, workshops and services, likewise, are at a high level. This very modest amount, and again it's approximately \$44,000, will meet the expectations of the University in continuing to provide a high level of public service. Likewise, this modest amount, once again \$44,000, will provide for two professors of exceptional quality to enrich the programs. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Stoney's amendment to 610. Record your vote. Walt, please ... on the board, Walt. Record. Please vote promptly. Have you voted? We'll go under Call again on the 9th day. Have you voted? Record. Senator Stoney.